

CUP of Gazette 63-64 a review of sorts

The time has come, the Walrus said . . . to wind it up for the year. The Canadian University Press column in a university newspaper has one great advantage: it can cover a wide variety of topics on any campus, even its own, and say almost anything that falls within the jurisdiction of the paper at all. It has one glaring disadvantage, though: nobody reads it.

This editor's tenure started just as the story of RCMP investigations at universities was re-opened. After that, Separatism started the hold it would have over interest at colleges that it will probably have for some time yet. We spent a while blasting apathy at Dal. (It gets blasted every year, why not this?) The Student Council of this fair

campus-by-the-sea fell into dis-favour for trying to get snarky with our Editor-in-Chief. An editorial in the U. of T. 'Varsity' was critical of Memorial Day as it is carried out at present. (That filled almost half a page.) Other stories happened, student suicides, pornographic movies, politics, and the like.

The last CUP scoops for the Gazette were the story of the Council President's resignation at Memorial (It is not finished yet, but there is no more information as this goes to press.) and the unfortunate end-in-effigy of an editor run astray . . . Alas, poor Brazler, I knew him, Horatio.

And that was it.

So long, it was laughs. . . Zack.

Nova Scotian Culture Dying!!

Guest Editorial by M. MacShaputt

Scottish Culture is disappearing in Nova Scotia. Gaelic has not been used as the official language in this province for centuries. 'Scotch' is used to refer to little more than a type of whisky. One almost never sees a kilt being worn on the streets of our towns and cities; and on the few occasions when one is worn, it is almost invariably accompanied by binding undergarments . . . shameful adulteration!

The time has come to secede from Canada, to revert to the ancient and honourable ways of our forbears, to rejoin the old sod. We receive only the barest pittance from the federal government, compared to the generous stipends offered the other pro-

vinces. We are Canada's poor relation. Recent attempts to industrialize this province and rejuvenate our ailing coal and agricultural industries are too little, and they come too late. We must leave if we are to be the masters in our shielings!

Let us fight the anglicization of Nova Scotia.

Let us press for Scottish names for our institutions! Dalhousie University, for example, should be renamed to "Bonnie Prince Charlie College."

Let us put bombs in our disposable mailboxes!

Finally, let us press for secession from Confederation; the rest of Canada cannot survive without us!

UNB DRAMA FOUND CORRUPT

(From the "Brunswickian") The Student Disciplinary Committee of the University of New Brunswick has found the dramatic society of that institution guilty of mishandling student funds. As a result, society president Hal Giles and business manager Tom Lawson have been told that they may not hold executive positions at UNB following this year.

Testimony at a hearing revealed that certain members of the group had been getting merchandise discounts from a firm dealing in electronic equipment. In addition one member of the society, Ron Cole, had been keeping a bank account which contained funds donated to the society. While all money and merchandise were being used for Drama Society business, it was ruled that the accused knew that they were not following the financial policies dictated by the Student Council.

CUP Endeth ... at Lasteth; THANK GODDETH!!

by Zath Jacobson

BARRY GOLDWATER

Near the beginning of this year, we intended to print an editorial in this column about the candidacy of Barry Goldwater. But with President Kennedy's assassination last November, it appeared that Senator Goldwater's chances had been ended. It seemed that he would be hopelessly swamped in the New Hampshire primary, having lost most of his appeal to President Johnson and Kennedy's memory. If he was to be soundly defeated in the New Hampshire contest, he would not then have the proverbial snowball's chance of capturing his party's Presidential nomination. However this has not really materialized. The result of a poll published in Newsweek two weeks ago precludes any possibility of Goldwater's being inundated. (This is being written two days before the Primary, it will be history by the time you read this.) He may win or lose, but not by much. In any event the actual absence of the expected anti-Goldwater landslide will increase his chances considerably.

In the curious machinations of American politics, it is almost as big a job to get the nomination of one's own party as it is to get the Presidency itself. (There are only two parties of note in the U.S., Democrat and Republican, and the former nominally slightly liberal, the latter slightly conservative. There is no such simple definition, however; there are extremists of all kinds in both parties. How this came about is another story.) Consequently, any such candidate is a serious threat to become the occupant of the White House.

It is in this light that we take a serious look at this man. What does he say, what does he represent, and what does he intend to do if elected?

He is an avowed supporter of "states rights", the American euphemism meaning racial segregation for the Southern States.

He has said that he would like to march into Cuba at any time, as soon as possible. The tenor of what he says is that he feels it worthwhile to risk nuclear war rather than suffer anything that he considers to be a Russian advancement. He would risk all out war to oust Castro, to win in South Vietnam, to halt Russian agitation in Berlin, and any other time he felt Communism was making an inroad into the American sphere of influence.

The basic philosophy behind this attitude is only mildly questionable, what is frightening is the extreme to which he would carry it. In any one of the specific instances cited above, the odds probably favour an American triumph. But in a whole series of little risks, there exists a great risk that at least once the egg would hit the fan. Modern warfare is such that it only takes once to send the world into the Middle Ages, if not into total oblivion. It is a dangerous game, and

Mr. Goldwater would be playing it with ourselves as the stakes . . . frequently.

Mr. Goldwater would take America out of the United Nations. This alone would set the cause of World Peace back disastrously.

Senator Goldwater has said that he would endeavour to abolish the graduated income tax, in favour of a straight percentage of all taxable incomes. Along the same line, he has inferred that he would attempt to curb and limit the social welfare legislation in existence and oppose further such laws. This represents a regression toward the rough and tough independence of the pioneer days in the old west, when no man was more secure than the speed of his draw permitted. The Senator asks, in effect, that each American look out for himself. This is not so bad for those equipped to do this, but it sentences millions who are not so endowed to a shortened life filled with hardship. The world must surely have progressed beyond that level.

As regards what he would do if elected to the Presidency, most of authoritative opinion (Ask a fair sample of your nearest political scientists.) seems split into two schools of thought. One contends that the Senator would start World War III almost immediately. The other contends that he would not. At the same time, much of the second group wonders how he could administer the country. The question was raised (by a political scientist at Dal) as to what sort of cabinet he would select, it is not generally felt that this would be a capable group.

Totally aside from the previous considerations, what are his qualifications for the most powerful position in the world? Contrary to popular belief, he did attend University. He just didn't graduate. Many politicians even within the Republican Party, are on record as having serious doubts as to whether or not Goldwater has the keen intellect necessary for the job.

It is an uncomfortable feeling to discuss a politician of another country in this manner, but the Senator from Arizona has come too far not to be mentioned. The Presidency of the United States is everybody's business.

Censored Censor

EDMONTON (special to CUP) - University of Alberta English lecturer, Henry Beisse went before the courts March 2, questioning the legality of the showing of the film "Tom Jones" to a group of provincial MLA's in private sessions. It is alleged that the film shown was an uncut-uncensored version. He began proceedings to swear out a suit of information against Colonel P.J. Fleming, Alberta film censor, on the grounds of an alleged violation of the Alberta Amusements Act.

Mr. Beisse explained that since censorship is based on films having the power to corrupt, Colonel Fleming must have either intended to corrupt the government, or he doesn't really believe that films do indeed corrupt. In either case, he said the purpose of censorship is negated.

Mr. Beisse feels that this an outright violation of the Amusements Act despite the fact that he was told it was traditional to show MLA's uncensored films. He believes that the law should either be obeyed to the letter or changed.

TWO FOR BEER

BRITISH BEER COSTS FIVE POUNDS

(OXFORD, ENGLAND - CUP) Old laws decree bitter beer, a student at Oxford discovered recently.

He uncovered an ancient college law saying that he was entitled to a free pint of beer before taking an examination. By insisting on this privilege, he forced his examiners to produce the beer. But, while he wrote the exam, they found another old law.

When the student emerged from the exam, the examiners fined him five pounds for not wearing a sword.

Beer Empties Decreasing

BEER EMPTIES DECREASING (EDMONTON - CUP) A green panel truck carted 80 cases of empty beer bottles from the rear of the University of Alberta's Assiniboia Hall residence late afternoon, February 27.

The transfer was undertaken by three unidentified men who paid residence caretakers \$16 commission on the empties. The commission is part of an arrangement between the janitors and the residents. After the residence men drink the beer, the janitors clean up the bathrooms and collect the commission;

Returns from the operation have been decreasing steadily during the past three years. Some residents blame this decrease on increased room and board rates.

University regulations forbid alcohol on university premises, specifically mentioning the residences.

"It sounds as though the authorities aren't enforcing the regulations very strictly," commented Student President Wes Cragg.

University President Dr. Walter Johns has declined comment on the situation.

FLASH ...

FLASH ** A village in the highlands of Cape Breton has vanished, not to appear for one hundred years; and then in Scotland, not Cape Breton. The report comes from a hitherto reliable source: a college newspaper cup-editor found wandering in an alcoholic haze in Inverness County.

STUDENT JAILED FOR SELLING 'PILLS'

(KINGSTON CUP) A 19-year-old student, Ian K. Murray of Toronto was sentenced to twelve months in reformatory on February 28 for trafficking in benzadrine tablets at Queen's University.

Murray was convicted of peddling the 'bennies' (as the tablets are known to the initiated) in a university residence on the previous Wednesday, when he apparently mistook an RCMP plainclothesman for a student. He offered the officer 750 tablets at 20¢ each. The officer bought 100 for twenty-five dollars.

A recent report in The Catholic Register, a Canadian weekly, quoted an unidentified student as saying that he was among at least thirty percent of undergraduates "hooked" on benzadrine pills and other wake-up-potions. Dr. H.M. Campbell, head of medical services at Queen's termed the report ridiculous last week.

Quebec Intellectuals Leave the Church

TORONTO (CUP) - Doug Ward, Students' Council President at U of T, said this week that that Roman Catholic Church in Quebec is "very much discredited, and the intelligentsia are leaving it in droves".

Mr. Ward spoke to the Trinity United Church Young Adults' Club on the topic "Protestantism in Quebec". Stressing that the Catholic Church is still very much part of the French people's life in Quebec, he said that "two important things are changing the picture."

"First, the rising wave of anti-clericalism which has seen many Catholic priests subscribing to an ecumenically-prone United Church magazine, and more new books are coming out of the French press than anywhere else in Canada."

Second, the strict rule of the Duplessis regime on the press is now relaxed to allow more criticism of the church." In this regard, Ward felt the death of Duplessis, "who had so much power in his hands, is much more important than the fact that Le-sage had taken over."

Mr. Ward felt that Bill 60, now pending in the Quebec legislature would have an important effect on the Catholic parochial schools.

"French textbooks are the worst in the world - there is a totalitarian religious program thoroughly mixed with education." In addition, a child will be taught, "one rosary plus two rosaries equals three rosaries." The texts are morbid - full of "pictures of hearses, graves and funeral proceedings," he said.

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Dear Sir:

As president of the Dalhousie University Liberal Club, I would like to point out that the article by Don Brazler, ex Vice-President of the Liberals, entitled "National Security", does not represent the opinions of the Liberals anywhere. In the past, there seems to have been the opinion that whatever was said by Mr. Brazler was Liberal policy, but since Mr. Brazler is no longer the Vice-President, as far as the Liberals are concerned, the article is solely the opinion of Mr. Brazler.

Garth Burrow